

# ALMOST ELECTROCUTED ON THE BRIDGE.

Young Lad Shocked by Deadly Electric Current from Third Rail.

A fifteen-year-old boy was almost electrocuted near the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge to-day. He stepped on the third rail, which carries the full current of electricity that runs the cars.

Held by the deadly rail on which his foot rested, he lay unconscious between the tracks, with smoke coming from his fingers, while a bridge train came thundering down on him.

The train was only stopped by the quick work of a motorman, as the front wheel of the car struck the boy's forehead.

## MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

The lad had a miraculous escape from being instantly killed by electricity and then dragged to pieces underneath the train.

He is now unconscious in Hudson Street Hospital from the shock and it is feared that he may not recover.

The accident occurred on the southern track over which the train came to Brooklyn. The boy started for Brooklyn by way of the promenade. He was apparently going for a swim, as bathing trunks were found in his pocket.

When he had got about a hundred and fifty feet beyond the bridge station he apparently decided to ride across on a truck on the southern roadway.

The promenade is separated from the roadway by the tracks for the bridge cars, with the third rail alongside and a little above the outside car rail. The boy evidently knew nothing about this rail and, climbing across the iron fence, started to cross the tracks.

As he did so he put his left foot on the third rail. In an instant he was knocked unconscious. The powerful current ran through his body and he fell without making a sound. His body lay between the tracks, his left foot still in contact with the electric rail.

## IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

A bridge train was coming down the incline from Brooklyn at the time. Frank McLaughlin, a bridge employee, was aboard coming to work at the Manhattan side. He saw the boy lying between the tracks, and a moment later, as the train pulled into the station, sprang off and dashed up the southern roadway.

At the same time a train started for Brooklyn on the track on which the boy was lying. Dennis Galvin was the motorman, and as the train pulled out of the station he turned the current almost fully on.

As McLaughlin ran along the roadway Galvin's train passed over and thundered down the sharp incline from the station at full speed. McLaughlin yelled frantically to Galvin, but the train was well down the incline before the motorman caught sight of the boy on the track. There seemed little chance to save him then.

## STOPPED IN TIME.

But Galvin did not lose his head. With one swift movement he turned the motor handle and shut off the current. Then he gave the signal to the brakeman to put on the air brakes.

There was a hissing of the air from the cylinders, a grinding of the wheels as they slid on the rails and a far of the entire train that almost threw the passengers from their seats.

The train did not stop in the incline toward the prostrate boy. Yards were reduced to feet in a few seconds, and Galvin almost closed his eyes as the front platform of his motor passed over the boy and hid him from his sight.

But at that instant the train came to a standstill, and McLaughlin, who was reading the scene a moment later, saw that the front wheel had grazed the boy's forehead, making a slight scratch.

A big crowd on the promenade and people on bridge trains and trucks saw the train run down toward the boy, and thought he would be ground to pieces. They were astonished when they saw what an escape he had. The boy was lifted to the roadway and hurried to the Hudson Street Hospital in an ambulance.

"There was smoke coming from the lad's fingers when I reached the boy," McLaughlin said, "and the current was evidently passing through him. Galvin saw him separated from the rail, just now I do not know, and then he passed him down to me. I carried him in my arms to the temporary hospital at the end of the bridge."

There were few clues as to the boy's identity. He had black hair and dark eyes.

He wore a black coat, dark knickerbockers, black stockings and tan shoes. He had only an undershirt on.

The bathing trunks and an address in Bath Beach written on a piece of paper holding them to the police to believe he was on his way to that place to swim.

In the boy's pocket was a memorandum book issued by the Springfield Park and Marine Insurance Company of Massachusetts. In the book, was written: "Henry McDonald, 3 Cavenor Street, Portland, Me."

The boy was still unconscious this afternoon and the hospital doctors said they could not tell whether he would recover.

## DEAD IN NEWTOWN CREEK.

Victim, Supposed to Be Frederick Robinson, Thought to Have Drowned Himself.

Frederick Robinson, sixty-three years old, a salesman for a wall paper house in Brooklyn, is supposed to have drowned himself in Newtown Creek from the New York street dock.

On Sunday the body of a man was found in the creek near that point, and it was Robinson's description. A coat button addressed to the man was found on the Ten Eyck street dock.

Robinson's last known address was 31 Avenue C, and he moved from there some time ago.

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Friday, July 27.

BROADWAY & 12TH ST.

## WIFE PLOTTED TO KILL HUSBAND.

Mrs. Dickson Confesses Her Part in Awful Georgia Murder.

TENNESSEE, July 25.—Jerry Walden, the young white man committed to jail in Wrightsville for the murder of George Dickson on Sunday, has made a confession, and so has the wife of the murdered man.

Mrs. Dickson confessed first. She said that while returning home from a sick friend's late Sunday night the plot was made to kill her husband.

Walden had been friendly with her and the husband had quarreled about it. Walden worked on the farm for Dickson, and all lived in one house, which consisted of a large room, in which all slept.

The children slept in a bed next to the one occupied by the father. He was asleep when Walden stood over him and dealt him a blow on the side of the head with an axe. The groans of Dickson aroused one of the children, who soon fell asleep again.

The woman says she kept watch while Walden struck her husband two terrible blows, one on the forehead, which paralyzed his brain, another one on the back of his head.

While she went to her brothers, who lived a half mile away, Walden washed the blood from his hands, and went across the road which leads from the house, threw the bloody axe into the woods, where it was found by her brother.

Shortly after the affair in the Blue Chabrol, during the Dreyfus trial, when the anti-Semite agitator Guerin barricaded his house and held it against the police of Paris for several weeks, M. Regis was threatened with arrest.

He dropped his heroic character in the dock and pleaded that the affair had been exaggerated and that no shots were fired at the police. He threw the whole blame upon the Hebrews.

On leaving the court, M. Regis harangued the crowd and thanked the jury for their act of justice.

## MAX REGIS ACQUITTED.

Notorious Jeweller Escapes Punishment in French Court—Was Mayor of Algiers Once.

DRAGUENAN, France, July 25.—The trial of Max Regis, the Jeweller, and eleven of his friends terminated to-day with the acquittal of the accused.

Max Regis was the notorious ex-Mayor of Algiers. During his term of office anti-Semitic outbreaks were constantly occurring in Algiers.

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